COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, the *10th of August 1933.*
26th of Karkadagam 1108.

The House met at half past eleven of the clock with M. R. Ry. P. Krishna Menon Avl, in the chair. Messrs. C. Barton Wright, A. G. Menon, K. G. Nayar, K. Mohamed Seethi and C. A. Ouseph were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Petitions for relief against floods from the people of Nadamel, Thekkumbhagam, etc., Villages.

381. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) in what year approximately was the first petition praying for relief against floods submitted to the Government by the people of Nadamel, Thekkumbhagam and adjoining villages of the Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk;

(b) whether a reminder petition was not submitted to the Government by the same people when Mr. (now Sir) Vijayaraghavachari was the Diwan of the State;

(c) how many petitions have been submitted by the same people on the same matter since 1106; and what replies the Government have vouchsafed to them in regard to each of those petitions?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a), (b) and (c). The petitions cannot be traced without an elaborate search. Government do not think that the time and labour involved is commensurate with the purpose to be served. As regards relief against floods, it was proposed to widen the Karingochira bridge. Further proposals are also being investigated.

Age of retirement—Teachers in Aided Schools.

382. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government are following a definite and uniform rule relating to the age of retirement in the case of teachers employed in aided schools; and if so, what is it?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Yes; the continuance of aided school teachers after 60 and their dismissal before 60 should be done with a medical certificate, the Inspecting Officer's opinion

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